

Mill Valley School District

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Administrative Regulation

Mill Valley School District support for walking, biking and carpooling to Mill Valley Schools.

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Students

The Mill Valley School District recognizes that walking and bicycling to school promote students' physical activity and reduce vehicle traffic and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. The District also recognizes that for students who do not live close enough to school, carpooling reduces traffic in the vicinity of the school and creates a safer environment for those who walk or bicycle. Therefore,

- The District encourages all students to walk or bike or to carpool to school.
- In order to reduce congestion and ensure that more children have the option to walk or bike to school, the District will assign students to the closest school to their home, whenever possible, and in accordance with the District's student placement procedures.

Mill Valley School District support for safety education at school

The District wants to ensure that students have a safer trip to and from school. Students benefit from bicycle and pedestrian safety education to help make the trip safer and instill confidence in students, parents, and community members. Therefore,

- The District will encourage bicycle and pedestrian safety education be provided that is structured for the appropriate grade and age levels, such as that provided by the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) Safe Routes to Schools program.

Mill Valley School District participates in Mill Valley Safe Routes to School Task Force and Encourages Schools to Participate

The District supports the community-based task force organized by TAM Safe Routes to Schools. The SR2S TF collaborates with the school district, the city and county and volunteers from the schools to discuss and plan for measures to improve the safety of children and encourage walking and biking to school.

- The District will participate in the community-based task force, organized by Safe Routes to School;
- The District urges each school site to identify a team leader or liaison to attend the Task Force meetings and to coordinate each school's Safe Routes Committee which oversees and coordinates school activities, participates in SR2S programs, promotes walking, biking and carpooling to school; and identifies strategies to improve student safety along routes to school.

Mill Valley School District supports the annual fall and spring evaluation of participation in the SR2S program

- The District requests that each school participate in the fall and spring student tally surveys which will help evaluate the progress being made by measuring the number of children walking, bicycling and carpooling. SR2S provides data analysis and report preparation of student tallies. Caltrans requires the use of these evaluation forms by grant recipients.

Mill Valley School District encourages safety and responsibility

- The District regards the riding of bicycles to and from school by students and others as an assumption of responsibility by students, parents/guardians, and others. This responsibility extends to the care of property, in the observation of safety rules, and in the display of courtesy and consideration towards others. The District assumes no liability for injuries or damage occurring outside school property.
- The District strongly recommends that students and their parents/guardians follow recommended bicycling safety guidelines and always use their common sense and good judgment. School employees and parents/guardians are role models for all children, and older children should be models for younger children. Role models have a responsibility to follow the laws and rules for safe walking, bicycling and driving to ensure the safety of all road users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists).

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